RESOLUTION NO. 142 LUFILA ATKINS

WHEREAS, on Friday, September 14, 2007 the St. Louis American will host its 20th Annual Salute to Excellence in Education Scholarship & Awards Banquet; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Salute to Excellence in Education is to promote quality for all in the African-American community; and

WHEREAS, as part of this important event, the publisher and staff of the St. Louis American will recognize and honor several dedicated members of our community with the Excellence In Education Award: and

WHEREAS, one of this year's outstanding honorees is Luella Atkins who is being recognized with the 2007 Excellence in Education Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atkins is a distinguished reading coach at the Airport Elementary School in Berkeley and is a highly respected educator in the St. Louis metropolitan community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Board acknowledge the strong commitment of the St. Louis American to this community and to recognize and honor, a distinguished member of this community, Luella Atkins.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Luella Atkins and to thank her for her service and commitment to educating our youth, and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of September, 2007 by:

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2007 by:

Lewis E. Reed Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman President Board of Aldermen

Clerk, Board of Aldermen